

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Page 4, replace the paragraph starting at line 1 and ending at line 9 with the following paragraph.

~~This invention relates to~~ In a gear pump  $[(1)]$  with variable throughput volume, with two meshed gears  $[(2, 3)]$  with external toothing $[(,)]$  which are rotatably held in the working chamber  $[(11)]$  of a pump housing  $[(4)]$ , at least one of the two gears ~~(3) being~~ is driven from a drive shaft  $[(5)]$  and one of the gears  $[(2)]$ , i.e., preferably the driven gear  $[(2)]$ , ~~being~~ is shiftable in the direction of its axis  $[(2')]$ . In order to realize a control mechanism in a simple manner ~~it is provided that~~ a gap width  $[(10)]$  defined as the distance measured in axial direction between an essentially plane first interior side wall  $[(11a)]$  of the working chamber  $[(11)]$  of the pump housing  $[(4)]$  and a first front face  $[(2a)]$  of the shiftable gear  $[(2)]$ ,  $[(be)]$  is designed  $[(so\ as)]$  to be variable.